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Mr. L. Quincy Mumford  
Librarian  
Library of Congress  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mumford:

As Chairman of the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications, I am concerned with any efforts to improve the foreign publications procurement programs of the United States Government. In this whole area, the Library of Congress has had a distinguished role, recently enhanced by the enactment of the Public Law 485 amendments.

These factors, together with others which I should like to discuss with you in person, have led me to propose the establishment in Paris of a U.S. Joint Publications Procurement Service. Attached to this letter is a Draft General Implementation Plan for a U.S. Joint Publications Procurement Service. As you know, this draft was reviewed by the Library of Congress senior officials as well as representatives from the Department of State during informal conversation.

Our plan suggests a parallel arrangement with the Library of Congress to our present contracts for the production of the Monthly Index of Russian Accessions and East European Accessions Index in that the Library of Congress would be asked to establish the U.S. Joint Publications Procurement Service along lines proposed in the attachment. We shall furnish the personnel and funds to operate the Service. May we have your approval in principle of our plan so that administrative details may be worked out with the Department of State preparatory to submission of a final operating procedure?

I am at your disposal to discuss any aspect of the plan.

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Deputy Assistant Director  
Chairman, Committee on Procurement  
of  
Foreign Publications

Attachment 1/2  
cc: Leo Goodman, Dept. State